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FINANCIAL REPORT  
BY THE  
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OF THE  
TOWN OF SANDWICH,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1882.

ALSO  
REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
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### *ERRATA.*

Page 4 For Mass. School Fund, 217 00 *read* **217 43**

' 12 " Amt. fighting fire, 36 60 " **35 60**

" 13 " Josiah Godfrey, labor 26 60 " **28 60**

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(this) should read *that*.





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# TOWN OFFICERS OF SANDWICH, 1882.

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

H. G. O. ELLIS.

## SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CHARLES DILLINGHAM, DAVID D. NYE, GEORGE HARTWELL.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Term ending March 1885—DAVID A. HOXIE, CHARLES DILLINGHAM, AARON L. BURGESS, ELISHA H. BURGESS, GEO. I. BRIGGS.

Term ending March 1884—ABRAHAM PHINNEY, HENRY W. GOODSPEED, STILLMAN S. RYDER, SARAH T. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM C. CHIPMAN.

Term ending March 1883—JOSHUA H. BAKER, JOHN H. STEVENS, LEVI S. SAVERY, ROBERT ARMSTRONG, CHARLES H. BURGESS, 2D.

## CONSTABLES.

CHARLES QUINN, CHARLES C. JONES, E. H. BURGESS, NATHAN NYE, WILLIAM A. NYE, ZADOC WRIGHT, CHARLES W. HAMBLIN, ANSEL W. FISH, JOHN G. WRIGHT, EZRA T. POPE, FRED. R. NYE, GEORGE I. BRIGGS, JEROME L. BOURNE, GEORGE W. PERRY, WM. E. GRAMAN, SAMUEL H. NYE.

## TRUANT OFFICERS.

J. T. HATHAWAY, HENRY H. HATHAWAY, GEORGE I. BRIGGS, ANSEL W. FISH, ALONZO F. LANDERS, R. R. HOLMES.

## FISH COMMITTEE.

CHARLES E. KENDRICK, S. S. RYDER, ROBERT W. BURGESS, CHAS. W. HAMBLIN, FREDERIC DIMMICK, BENJ. E. SWIFT, SETH H. REDDING, GEOGE I. BRIGGS, ALFRED W. BOURNE, DAVID W. O. ELLIS, REUBEN L. BURGESS, D. A. MAGOON.

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

JOHN E. PRATT, GEORGE E. WHITE, JAMES P. BILLS.

## SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

DAVID A. HOXIE, JOHN PERCIVAL, S. S. CHIPMAN, HARRISON G. LANDERS, JOSIAH GODFREY, FREDERIC DIMMICK, ROBERT ARMSTRONG, JOSEPH EWER, JOHN B. PHINNEY, SAMUEL BOURNE, ALFRED W. BOURNE, ISAAC H. BERRY, S. S. RYDER, JAMES C. GIBBS, WM. R. GIBBS, WELDEN S. PIERCE, J. T. HATHAWAY.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

SETH O. ELLIS.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

NATHAN NYE.

## FIRE WARDS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.

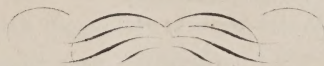
E. C. PERCIVAL, DAVID ARMSTRONG, CHIPMAN FISH, LABAN P. CROCKER, HIRAM CROWELL, I. K. CHIPMAN, NATHANIEL BURGESS, ALFRED W. BOURNE, MOSES C. WATERHOUSE, SAMUEL H. NYE, JAMES KENNAN, ZADOC WRIGHT, JOSIAH GODFREY, FREDERIC DIMMICK, SYLVANUS E. HANDY, NATHAN NYE, OLIVER H. ELDRIDGE, GUSTAVUS HOWLAND, REUBEN L. BURGESS, HENRY W. GOODSPEED.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

GOV. ELIJAH HANCOCK.



# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.



The Selectmen herewith respectfully submit their Annual Report of the Financial Condition of the Town, and account of Receipts and Expenditures in detail, for the year ending Dec. 31st 1882.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Jan. 1st 1882,	3,055 08
Receipts from all sources,	29,650 94

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32,706 02

The Treasurer has paid out during the year, as per itemized accounts hereinafter named,	32,272 06
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Leaving an unexpended balance of	433 96
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To above balance we add the uncollected Taxes of 1881-2,	12,508 95
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The amount due from other Cities and Towns for aid to Paupers,	751 28
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Expected Re-imbursement of State Aid and Aid to Indigent Soldiers for the year 1882,	996 00
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Making total resources,	14,690 19
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## LIABILITIES.

Note of Wm. E. Packard, dated Oct. 23, 1878,	650 00	
“ “ Chas. B. Jones, “ July 29, 1879,	180 00	
“ “ Jane Ellis, “ “ 13, 1880,	200 00	
“ “ International Trust Co., (Fire Loan),	3,500 00	
“ “ Bass River Saving's Bank, (School House Loan),	850 00	5,380 00

To which Liabilities must be added various accounts and bills not yet presented for payment, the exact amount of which it is difficult to ascertain, as it is impossible to have all bills in at date upon which books are closed for the year, the amount however, probably not being in excess of former years.

## Treasurer's Account as per Book.

H. G. O. ELLIS, Treasurer,				Dr.
<sup>1882</sup>				
Jan.	1,	To Balance of Cash on hand,		3,055 08
	4,	" Cash received of F. M. Tinkham, for corn,		5 00
	10,	" " " " County Treas., Dog Tax,		198 36
	25,	" " " " State Treas. transportation		
		of Paupers,		9 90
	"	" " " " Mass. Sch'l Fund,		217 00
	30,	" " " " J. B. Hall, rent of Town Hall,		
		to Jan. 1, 1882,		35 00
Feb.	1,	" " " " Town of Freetown, P. Brady,		35 00
	"	" " " " Middleboro', H. H.		
		P. Lovell,		56 88
	2,	" " " " Brewster, Robbins		
		and daughter,		66 02
	28,	" " " " Levi S. Savery, Tax of 1881,		3,449 40
Mar	25,	" " " " " " " " " "		2,363 25
Aug	5,	" " " " " " " " " "		2,959 32
Feb.	6,	" " " " City of Boston, Susan Murphy,		51 50
	8,	" " " " Town of Plymouth, acct of		
		Schools,		44 00
	"	" " " " Acushnet, H. Brailey,		91 85
	9,	" " " " Wm. R. Gibbs, Auctioneers'		
		License,		2 00
	10,	" " " " Town of Barnstable, Dixon		
		and Phinney,		8 87
	12,	" " " " Harwich, Shushter		
		and Snow,		111 00
	15,	" " " " Plymouth, Harding		
		and Raymond,		79 25
	16,	" " " " Elijah Hancock, bal. for		
		Heifer sold,		5 00
	28,	" " " " State Treasurer, bal. of Cor-		
		poration Tax,		70 44
	"	" " " " State Treas. bal. of Bank Tax,		75 69



1882

Feb.	28,	To Cash rec'd of	Stone Sold,	4 00
Mar.	14,	" "	Geo. H. Dennis, board of Mother,	17 50
	15,	" "	S. S. Chipman, Pig,	4 00
		" "	Asa Raymond, books sold,	16 78
	18,	" "	Town of Medford, M. Gilman,	130 90
	24,	" "	R. D. Farris, apples,	8 00
Apr.	22,	" "	Funeral expenses, W. C. Lovell,	24 15
	27,	" "	Tuition High School, Goodnow and Arey,	20 00
	29,	" "	Mrs. J. L. Rogers, board, L. Hospital,	12 07
May	1,	" "	Geo. N. Chipman, liquor license,	1 00
		" "	" " sch'l books s'd,	50 00
	6,	" "	State Treas., funeral expenses,	10 00
		" "	Cash for steer sold,	18 00
June	10,	" "	Geo. H. Dennis, board of Mother,	16 25
July	5,	" "	Tuition, High School, Goodnow and Arey,	20 00
	8,	" "	J. H. West, auctioneers' license,	2 00
Aug	11,	" "	Mrs. J. L. Rogers, board, L. Hospital,	44 80
		" "	Rent of Town Hall, to date,	29 00
Sept	16,	" "	Geo. N. Chipman, books sold,	25 47
		" "	Geo. H. Dennis, board of Mother,	17 50
	30,	" "	N. Nye, collector, taxes 1882,	2,456 57
Oct.	11,	" "	D. A. Sanborn, hay,	74 90
	14,	" "	Geo. N. Chipman, books sold,	18 76
		" "	A. F. Swift, " "	23 56
		" "	Asa Raymond, " "	9 27
	28,	" "	L. S. Savery, coll., taxes 1881,	1,206 82
Nov.	4,	" "	N. Nye, " " 1882,	2,481 21
		" "	G. N. Chipman, acct. insurance,	55
	9,	" "	Mrs. J. L. Rogers, board, L. Hospital,	45 31
	18,	" "	N. Nye, collector, taxes 1882,	1,935 09
	25,	" "	International Trust Co., on Note, being loan to pay fire bills, authorized by vote of the Town Nov. 7, 1882,	3,500 00

<sup>1882</sup>	Dec.	4,	To Cash rec'd State Corporation Tax,	1,061	46
	"	"	" National Bank Tax,	1,082	05
	"	"	" State Aid of 1881,	836	00
	"	"	" " Indigent Soldiers 1881,	151	00
	"	"	" Rent of Town Hall to date,	34	00
	13,	"	" F. A. Cahoon, Pedlers License,	10	00
	23,	"	" J. A. Brady, for Pasture and Hay,	6	00
	22,	"	" N. Nye, collector, taxes 1882,	1,880	93
	25,	"	" T. O. Mayo and others, Fish Weir License,	15	00
	"	"	" Bass River Bank. on acct. of Note,	850	00
	"	"	" County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	222	94
	30,	"	" Sales from Almshouse,	11	00
	"	"	" G. N. Chipman, Books sold;	120	59
	"	"	" Asa Raymond, " "	9	95
	"	"	" N. Nye, collector, taxes 1882,	1,201	40
				<del>10,992</del>	<del>32</del>
				Total,	32,706 02

***Sums received during the year ending Jan. 1,  
1883, classified in detail.***

Received from following Towns being Re-imbursement of Aid  
furnished Paupers.

Rec'd from Town of Freetown, P. Brailey,	35	00	
" " " Middleboro', H. P. Lovell,	56	88	
" " " Brewster. Robbins' family,	66	02	
" " City of Boston, Susan Murphy,	51	50	
" " Town of Acushnet, H. Brailey,	91	85	
" " " Barnstable, Dixon, Phinney,	8	87	
" " " Harwich, Shuster, Snow,	111	00	
" " " Plymouth, Harding and Raymond,	79	25	
" " " Medford, M. Gilman,	130	90	631 27
" " Geo. H. Dennis, for Board of his Mother.	51	25	
" " Mrs. J. L. Rogers, for Board of J. L. Rogers at Taunton.			102 18



*Received from Sales from Almshouse.*

Rec'd from F. M. Tinkham, for corn,	5 00	
" " E. Hancock, for heifer sold,	5 00	
" " For steer sold,	18 00	
" " R. D. Farris, for apples,	8 00	
" " D. A. Sanborn, for hay,	74 90	
" " S. S. Chipman, for pig,	4 00	
" " Stone sold,	4 00	
" " J. A. Braley, pasture and hay,	6 00	124 90

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*Licenses.*

To Cash rec'd of J. H. West. Auct'rs' License,	2 00	
" " W. R. Gibbs, " "	2 00	
" " F. A. Cahoon, Pedlars "	10 00	
" " G. N. Chipman, Liquor, "	1 00	
" " T. L. Mayo and others Fish License,	15 00	30 00

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*Rent of Town Hall.*

To Cash rec'd of J. B. Hall, for rent,	35 00	
" " Other sources during the year,	63 00	98 00

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*School Books.*

To Cash rec'd of Asa Raymond, for Books sold,	36 00	
" " G. N. Chipman, " "	214 82	
" " A. F. Swift, " "	23 56	274 38

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*Tuition at High School.*

To Cash rec'd of Goodnow and Arey, for Tuition,	40 00	
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*County Treasurer.*

To Cash rec'd of County Treasurer, Dog Fund, 1881-2,	421 30
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*State Treasurer.*

To Cash rec'd of State Treas., Mass. Sch'l Fund	217 43	
“ “ “ “ Transportation		
“ “ “ “ of Paupers,	9 90	
“ “ “ “ Funeral Expenses,	10 00	
“ “ “ “ Corporation		
“ “ “ “ Tax,	1,131 90	
“ “ “ “ Nat'l Bank Tax,	1,157 74	
“ “ “ “ State Aid, 1881,	836 00	
“ “ “ “ Indigent Soldiers,	151 00	3,513 97

*Collectors of Taxes.*

To Cash rec'd from L. S. Savery, Taxes 1881,	9,978 79	
“ “ “ Nathan Nye, “ 1882,	9,955 20	19,933 99

*Loans per Vote of the Town.*

To Cash rec'd from Bass River Savings Bank for		
“ “ “ New School House,	850 00	
“ “ “ International Trust Co., for		
“ “ “ payment of Fire Bills,	3,500 00	4,350 00
“ “ “ Town of Plymouth, acct. of Schools,		44 00
“ “ “ For Burial Expenses, W. C. Loved,		24 15
“ “ “ G. N. Chipman, acct. of Insurance,		55
“ “ “ Sales from Almshouse,		11 00
The Total receipts during the year, including		
balance on hand Jan. 1, 1882, being,		32,706 02



*Expenditures being as follows.*

By State Aid paid to Jan. 1, 1883,	799 00	
“ Amount paid Indigent Soldiers,	384 00	
“ “ “ on School account,	10,247 36	
“ “ “ Road “	6,505 07	
“ “ “ Contingent account,	5,195 26	
“ “ “ Pauper “	5,552 69	
“ “ “ Fire Bills “	3,588 68	32,272 06
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Balance Jan. 1, 1883,		433 96

**Contingent Bills.**

CLASSIFIED IN DETAIL.

*Damage on Highways.*

Dr. J. E. Pratt, damage to carriage &c., at W. Sandwich,	50 00
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*Board of Health.*

Dr. J. E. Pratt, for services as same, 1882,	5 00
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*Printing.*

F. H. Burgess, Town Reports &c., 1881,	58 32	
“ “ Collectors' Cards &c., 1881,	15 50	
“ “ Town Warrant &c., “	40 30	
“ “ Assessors' Notices &c., 1882,	10 00	
“ “ Collectors' Cards &c., “	45 12	
“ “ Town Warrants, “	4 00	173 24

*Garfield Memorial.*

F. S. Pope, 1881,	1 64	
“ “ Postage Stamps and Cards, 1881,	4 50	6 14

*Fire Wards.*

G. Howland, services, 1881,	5 00
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*Boundry Line.*

Nathaniel Burgess, witness fees,	2 00
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*Counsel Fees.*

George Marston, legal advice,	5 00	
E. S. Whittemore, search warrant.	2 00	7 00

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*Miscellaneous.*

G. Howland, lumber for Pound,	1 29	
B. E. Swift, services on Fish Committee,	3 15	
Isaiah Fish, " perambulating lines &c.,	5 00	
D. Haskell, for watering trough, P. O. Square,	25 00	
J. M. Chadwick, one-half cord wood, Town Hall.	2 37	
Nathan Nye, " " " "	2 50	39 31

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*Town Hall Expenses.*

F. H. Burgess, carpet &c-, for Selectmen s room,	34 85	
W. F. Lapham, paper, cleaning &c., " "	11 62	
W. E. Boyden, stove for " "	5 00	
D. C. Chase, putting down carpet &c., " "	2 00	
G. Howland, shingles for roofing,	222 00	
J. Hall, labor on hall &c.,	11 00	
Morse, Pierce & Co., tarred paper,	4 75	
F. H. Burgess, curtains, fixtures &c., public room,	16 25	
D. Haskell, for stone work,	9 10	
S. S. Chipman, grading around hall,	18 45	
E. B. Nye, care of hall for 1882,	16 00	351 02

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*Abatements for 1881.*

Foster Willis, error in assessment,	8 56	
T. D. Plumsley, poll tax, new resident,	2 00	
John Welsh, error in valuation 1880-1,	1 30	
Nelson Howland, error in assessment 1880-1	3 25	
Chas. E. Barnes, " " "	13 00	
Abraham Phinney, " " personal,	21 70	
Eben C. Jones, " " "	1 24	
John F. Perry, on account of sickness,	18 30	
Chas. W. Lapham, error in assessment, personal,	12 60	81 95

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*State and County Tax.*

State Tax,	1,620 00	
County Tax,	1,469 68	3,089 68

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*Town Officers.*

H. G. O. Ellis, serv's as Selectman to Mar. 1, '82,	158 50	
" " " Town Cl'k and Treas., "	125 00	
" " " recording births, Deaths		
and Marriages,	60 35	
" " " paying State Aid,	10 00	
C. Dillingham, serv's as Selectman, Assessor, '81,	106 00	
D. D. Nye, " " " " "	175 00	
" " " " " acct. '82,	60 00	
Geo. Hartwell, " " " " "	50 00	
Chas. Quinn, Special Police,	281 00	
Nathan Nye, Constable services,	9 00	
Auditing Committee of Jan. 1882,	15 00	
E. S. Whittemore, Moderator,	5 00	1,054 85

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H. G. O. Ellis, Treas., paid out as follows :

Interest on Notes,	212 91	
Stamps and Postal Cards,	13 74	
Expenses to Boston,	4 85	
Expenses &c.,	8 15	239 65

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*Fire Bills.*

John Dow, for crackers &c.,	6 40	
C. M. & F. Clark, for Refreshments per order G.		
Howland,	41 38	47 78

Also the following Bills for fighting fire, which were paid, previous to the vote passed at Meeting of Fire Wards, the same being included in total cost of Fire Bills as hereinafter given.

John Horan, fighting fire,	5 80	
E. B. Blackwell, " "	8 00	
Benjamin Cook, " "	7 80	
A. M. Haskell, " "	3 60	
S. S. Ryder, " "	3 60	
J. F. Cunningham, fighting fire,	6 80	36 60
H. G. O. Ellis, for brooms, pails &c.,		4 59
G. N. Chipman, stationery for Selectmen,		2 45
Total Contingent,		5,195 26

*The Forest Fires.*

The Treasurer has paid on account of labor at the Forest Fires in July and August last, 3,588 68

Expended as follows by each Fire Ward.

Charles H. Burgess, 2d,	430 93
Frederic Dimmick,	179 50
Josiah Godfrey,	220 30
Hiram Crowell,	32 61
Henry W. Goodspeed,	36 40
Zadoc Wright,	177 59
Abraham Keene,	26 00
Nathaniel Burgess,	224 35
Alfred W. Bourne,	185 04
Gustavus Howland,	246 80
Stephen S. Chipman,	489 19



Samuel H. Nye,	117	90	
David Armstrong,	37	10	
George I. Briggs,	223	30	
Ezra C. Howard,	11	22	
Nathan Nye,	220	05	
Sylvanus E. Handy,	125	65	
Laban P. Crocker,	412	60	
James Keenan, (not complete),	192	15	3,588 68

To which account must be added the sum paid individuals,		
as per contingent account,	35	60
Paid for Refreshments,	60	58

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3,684 86

There are also several bills not yet presented for settlement, amounting to perhaps \$300, making total expenses not vary much from \$4000, probably exceeding that amount.

### Road Account.

Bills paid on account of Roads during the year ending Jan. 1, 1883.

Wayman Swift, repairs,		9	45
J. C. Gibbs, Surveyor,		31	75
Geo. I. Briggs, "		126	44
L. H. Swift, labor,		9	00
Weldon S. Pierce, Surveyor, snow bill,		27	45
J. C. Gibbs, " "		42	45
David A. Hoxie, " repairs and snow bill,		55	00
S. S. Chipman, " labor and material,		46	05
Alfred W. Bourne, " snow bill,		34	47
Wm. R. Gibbs, " "		53	42
Seth P. Jones, " "		50	83
Josiah Godfrey, " labor,		26	60
" " " snow bill,		84	16
Cyrenus Eldridge, " "		30	15
S. O. Phinney, " "		20	62
W. R. Gibbs, " labor,		2	60

T. H. Tobey, labor,	6 45
J. T. Faunce, loam,	21 24
Geo. I. Briggs, Surveyor, labor,	27 55
Chas. E. Swift, " snow bill,	12 00
S. S. Ryder, " " and repairs,	47 00
F. B. Holway, snow bill,	9 60
S. O. Phinney, Surveyor, labor,	92 99
H. G. Landers, " repairs and snow bill,	86 70
Chas. E. Swift, " snow bill,	71 02
Seth P. Jones, " labor,	5 70
James Keenan, " "	19 45
S. S. Chipman, " "	261 57
Robert Armstrong, Surveyor, labor,	55 13
C. E. Swift, " snow bill and repairs,	23 60
Welden S. Pierce, " "	11 25
" " " "	15 55
B. F. Dennison, labor, plank walk &c ,	22 00
Philip H. Hart, " " "	26 40
E. F. Weeks and others, labor,	6 50
Gustavus Howland, lumber for plank walk,	189 32
H. D. Tobey, road material,	13 92
Russell Harris, land damage,	5 00
F. E. Nightingale, labor,	2 00
Geo. I. Briggs, "	18 00
Chas. Dillingham, " and material,	19 04
O. C. Railroad Co., freight,	9 65
S. S. Chipman, Surveyor, labor &c.,	429 78
John Bourne, labor,	5 63
John Larkin, labor on plank walk,	28 50
J. L. Lawrence, snow bill,	1 80
Joseph Ewer, Surveyor, labor &c.,	59 85
W. F. Tobey, Jr., labor,	74 25
David W. Ellis, loam, cartage &c.,	21 05
Eli Covell, land damage,	30 00
Alfred E. Dillingham, labor,	14 60
Samuel Bourne, Surveyor, labor,	26 20
E. B. Howland, labor,	11 00
C. B. Hall's Estate, stone,	2 00

Ham & Carter, drain pipe,	15 00
Geo. I. Briggs, labor,	36 70
S. S. Chipman, Surveyor, labor &c.,	395 00
B. E. Swift, labor,	16 00
O. C. Railroad Co., freight,	1 19
T. Mayo & Son, labor,	10 60
S. S. Chipman, Surveyor, labor &c.,	34 00
“ “ “ “	236 88
Geo. Tyler, steel point for road machine,	2 00
Wm. D. Ford, blasting rocks,	22 60
D. C. Chase, labor on fence &c.,	26 97
James Keenan, labor,	62 10
A. Underwood, labor building wall,	15 80
Macomber, Bigelow & Co., wire fencing,	70 82
David H. Baker, labor on new road, Buzzards Bay,	245 00
Hiram Ryder, “	4 00
Wm. R. Gibbs, Surveyor, labor &c.,	142 73
J. L. Wesson, one-half expense of curbing,	16 31
Geo. I. Briggs, labor,	16 55
J. Kellehar, “	3 50
Edward J. Swann, one-half expense of curbing,	15 50
A. R. Eldridge, labor, lumber &c.	37 17
Samuel Bourne, Surveyor, labor &c.,	233 79
D. D. Nye, carting stone &c.,	26 80
Charles E. Swift, labor,	10 00
A. N. Swift, “	27 40
A. W. Bourne, Surveyor, lumber,	94 65
Clarence Densmore, building Scraggy Neck road,	199 09
H. G. Landers, Surveyor, labor &c.,	56 66
J. T. Hathaway, “ “	40 00
Joseph Harris Estate, land damage,	25 00
Isaac H. Berry, Surveyor, labor,	58 05
Lizzie L. Smith, land damage,	5 00
Eugene T. Allen, labor,	16 37
S. S. Chipman, Surveyor, freight,	3 00
S. McAllister, labor,	15 00
Weldon S. Pierce, Surveyor, labor,	198 10
Frederic Dimmick, “ “	203 40



John B. Phinney, " "	138 25
Geo. H. Weeks, labor,	14 50
S. S. Ryder, Surveyor, labor,	100 00
Levi S. Savery, labor,	3 60
R. P. Lovell, " "	4 50
Moses L. Bumpus, land damage,	25 00
S. S. Chipman, Surveyor, labor,	60 00
Samuel H. Nye, labor,	22 70
David Haskeil, labor on bridge,	4 00
Robert Armstrong, Surveyor, labor,	52 96
Roland J. Fish, labor,	43 15
John Percival, Surveyor, labor,	54 80
James C. Gibbs, " "	197 65
James Ewer, " "	53 30
Jos. Dimmick, labor,	5 10
J. T. Hathaway, Surveyor, labor,	39 83
John Murray, labor,	15 22
David A. Hoxie, Surveyor, labor,	134 15
Josiah Godfrey, " "	226 56
A. W. Bourne, " "	10 48
S. S. Chipman, " gravel, loam and carting,	109 09
Morse, Pierce & Co., flagstone,	7 50
Roland J. Fish, labor,	13 77
J. K. & B. Sears, posts,	40 00
Morse, Pierce & Co., tools &c.,	9 16
H. G. O. Ellis, Treas., paid for digging snow surveying Roads,	10 75
" " for two gravel screens and other tools,	24 59
H. D. Tobey, land damage, plank walk,	10 00

The amount paid during the year on account of Roads and Bridges in each District, also cost of New Roads, including land damage, fencing &c., being \$6,505.07, distributed as follows :

***District No. 1--North Side.***

Robert Armstrong, Surveyor, labor and material,	58 54	
" " " snow bill,	49 35	107 89

***District No. 1--South Side.***

Joseph Ewer, Surveyor, labor and material,	53	30	
“ “ “ snow bills,	59	85	113 15
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***Districts No.'s 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.***

S. S. Chipman, Surveyor, labor and material,	1,691	56	
“ “ “ snow bills,	271	17	
“ “ “ plank walk,	267	22	
“ “ “ tools &c.,	13	16	
“ “ “ freight,	12	65	
“ “ “ flagstone for pump,	7	50	2,263 26
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***District No. 8.***

Wm. Gibbs, Surveyor, labor and material,	145	53	
“ “ “ snow bills,	53	42	198 95
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***District No. 9.***

James C. Gibbs, Surveyor, labor and material,	229	40	
“ “ “ snow bills,	42	45	271 85
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***District No. 10.***

Welden S. Pierce, Surveyor, labor and material,	206	20	
“ “ “ snow bills,	54	25	
“ “ “ lumber of A. R. Eldridge,	3	39	263 84
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***District No. 11.***

S. S. Ryder, Surveyor, labor and material,	114	00	
“ “ “ snow bills,	37	00	151 00
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***District No. 12.***

Alfred W. Bourne, Surveyor, labor and material,	117	73	
“ “ “ snow bills,	34	47	152 20
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*Buzzards' Bay District.*

J. T. Hathaway, Surveyor, labor and material,	79 83	
“ “ “ lumber of A. R.		
Eldridge,	4 16	83 99
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A. R. Eldridge, for guide boards, posts and painting,		9 44
Eli Covill, land damage, Cross Street,		30 00

*New Road at Buzzards' Bay,*

Laid out by Selectmen, on petition of David H. Baker  
and others.

David H. Baker, for working road,	245 00	
A. R. Eldridge, lumber &c.,	20 18	
J. K. & B. Sears, cedar posts,	40 00	
Macomber, Bigelow & Co., wire for fencing,	70 82	
D. C. Chase, labor making fence,	44 90	
D. W. Ellis, carting posts,	5 80	
O. C. Railroad, freight on wire,	1 19	
Lizzie L. Smith, land damage,	5 00	
Jos. Harris' Estate, land damage,	25 00	
Moses G. Bumpus, “ “	25 00	
Russell Harris, “ “	5 00	
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C.R.

By Posts and Wire, not used and sold to D. C.		
Chase,	17 93	469 96

*New Road at Scraggy Neck.*

Clarence Densmore, for building 231 1-2 rods at 86 cents per rod,		199 09
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Ham & Carter, for drain pipe, (not yet used),	15 00
Edward J. Swann, for one-half expense of curbing,	15 50
James L. Wesson, “ “ “	16 31

H. G. O. Ellis, Treas., paid out for digging snow,	6	25	
“ “ “ “ “ horse hire,	2	50	
“ “ “ “ W. R. Gibbs,			
surveying,	2	00	10 75
H. D. Tobey, for land damage, plank walk,			10 00
H. G. O. Ellis, for two gravel screens and other tools,			24 59
Total,			6,505 07

It will be observed upon examination of the above expenditures on account of Roads during the year, the cost of digging snow constitutes a very large item, being in the aggregate \$1,032.54, contracted during the winter of 1881-2. It should also be taken into consideration in comparing the expenses with those of former years, that by a vote of the Town, March 1882, the price for labor on roads was changed from 15 cents to 20 cents per hour; an increase of 33 1-3 per cent. The sum total also includes the cost of new roads at Buzzards' Bay and Scraggy Neck, and opening of Cross Street and some other unusual expenses.

We obtained last spring one of Pennocks' Road Machines, subject to our approval, the cost of which is \$150, and have given it a thorough trial. We find that it will accomplish all that is claimed for it. In shaping roads and filling ruts it has more than paid for itself in one season, and we advise the purchase of another machine and also a Roller, for use in the western part of the town.

The experience of the past year has proven very conclusively, that the only proper material for making a road, *is gravel*, which makes a hard road, free from mud in the winter and dust during the summer; and the Surveyors should be instructed to use that material, whenever it can be obtained, even at twice the expense of loam and clay.



### Bills Paid on Pauper Account.

Benjamin Ewer, supplies to Mrs. E. Benson, 1881,	2	27
A. F. Swift, supplies to Betsey Bennett, 1881,	26	00
“ “ “ A. G. Packard, “	75	00
“ “ “ Henry Brailey, “	79	50

Thos. F. Dean, house rent, Hattie Bennett, to Jan. 1, 1882,	39 00
Town of Ipswich, cash to Mrs. Hinckley, "	5 00
Franklin Crocker, 10 bbls, flour, almshouse.	77 50
Commonwealth of Mass., support of Jas. Crangle, 1881,	23 00
Town of Brewster, supplies to Mrs. J. W. Perry, "	70 59
" Middleboro', " Sarah G. Bassett, "	8 14
N. H. Fish, filing saws, "	4 00
Isaac Small, supplies to Ann Robbins, "	18 00
" " D. C. Besse,	5 00
" " Isaac Robbins,	5 00
R. H. Harris, board of Salome Snow, 17 weeks,	17 00
City of Chelsea, supplies to Hattie M. Dundas, 1881,	20 00
" " Bresse, "	28 50
Ansel Tobey, 5 cords wood, almshouse, "	20 00
Taylor, Thomas & Co., 7 prs. blankets, almshouse, "	33 50
G. N. Chipman, medicine furnished, "	3 70
J. E. Pratt, M. D., professional services, Mrs. Belle Packard, 1881,	17 50
City of Brockton, aid to Chas. Woodard, "	20 35
" Cambridge, " Mrs. Cynthia Weston and infant. 1881,	136 00
Town of Marion, aid to Carrie Burgess and family, "	78 65
H. B. Dillingham, 4 cords wood, almshouse,	12 00
F. H. Burgess, coffin, robe &c., to W. C. Lovell,	20 15
" " " " Benson,	13 75
" " " Chas. Dixon's child,	5 75
Wm. M. Bass, M. D., medical attendance, almshouse,	5 50
James Westgate, aid received,	26 00
Benjamin E. Swift, digging grave, W. C. Lovell,	2 00
W. F. Lapham, supplies to Mrs. T. Donnelly, 1881,	14 00
" " Beck, "	7 00
" " Woods, "	6 00
Abraham Keene, 3 cords wood, Mary Wing, "	12 50
City of Lynn, aid to Mrs. Geo. W. Derby, "	30 00
Town of Gardner, aid to Jas. H. Hathaway, 1881-2,	134 50
C. M. & F. Clark, supplies to Spinney,	4 00
" " grain to almshouse,	40 65
Asa Raymond, supplies to W. C. Lovell, 1881-2,	6 57



Asa Raymond, supplies to Jane Wright, "	3 50
" " Thos. Adams, "	15 50
" " Mrs. E. Raymond, 1881-2,	31 00
T. H. Tobey, 1-2 cord wood, H. P. Lovell.	2 50
Town of Harwich, supplies to Rebecca Clark, 1881,	5 00
O. R. Swift, " I. Robbins,	10 00
" " " Ann Robbins,	15 00
G. E. White, M. D., services to Mrs. M. Gilman, 1881,	52 00
Jane Gibbs, board of Chrissy Turner, 12 weeks,	12 00
J. D. Foster, goods to almshouse, 1881,	13 30
L. B. Rich. 1 bbl Beans, "	13 06
Isaac Small, supplies to Ann Robbins,	6 35
" " Isaac Robbins,	8 00
" " O. H. Raymond,	23 06
" " D. C. Bessee,	20 00
" " Chas. Dixon,	5 00
J. F. Knowles, boots for Moses Nye,	3 25
Wm. Swift, rent for H. P. Lovell, 1881,	30 00
" " Mrs. Eaton, "	13 00
R. F. Harris, board Salome Snow, to Mar. 30, 1882,	8 00
R. D. Farris, codfish for almshouse,	9 00
G. L. Atherton, meat &c., to P. J. O'Neil, 1881-2,	21 01
Swain, Earle & Co., groceries to almshouse,	8 64
Marsh & Bailey, professional services, to Ann Robbins,	5 50
O. R. Swift, goods to Isaac and Ann Robbins,	10 00
J. Leonard's Estate, medical attendance on Chase family, 5.25 ; Beck, 1.00 and Bennett, 3.20, 1880,	9 45
Jordan. Marsh & Co., goods to almshouse,	21 66
Jessee Barlow. supplies to J. Westgate, to May 1, 1882,	11 50
E. Hancock, services to April 1, 1882,	75 00
F. H. Burgess, 6 iron bedstead, almshouse,	40 50
" " coffin to C. Dixon's child,	6 00
" " " and robe to D. Fuller,	11 75
" " " and attendance to K. Ellis,	18 75
G. Howland. house rent, Daniel Kennedy, to May 20, 1882,	10 00
Mrs. J. B. H Rogers, board of F. Lovell to April 19, "	26 00
" " house rent for Mrs. Shuster to April 18, 1882,	26 00

Wm. M. Bass, M. D., medical attendance, almshouse, 1882,	3 50
C. Dillingham, supplies to P. J. O'Neil,	7 84
J. McCann, goods to S. Chase, 16 weeks,	28 00
Jane Gibbs, board of Crissy Turner, 24 weeks,	24 00
Foster Willis, goods to I. Robbins, Mar. 1882,	5 04
T. B. Gurney, board of Abigail N. Fox,	24 00
W. F. Lapham, goods to J. Beck, Apr. 8, 1882,	7 00
.. .. " Mrs. T. Donnelly,	24 00
.. .. " L. Hamblin,	8 00
.. .. " M. Woods,	10 00
.. .. " J. C. Adams,	2 00
Emily D. Sprague, washing for M. Gilman,	3 00
B. & S. Glass Co., coal to ..	18 25
.. .. " Susan Murphy,	6 00
.. .. " almshouse, 1881-2,	60 00
G. L. Tinkham, goods to P. Brailey,	15 00
B. Hubbard, rent for Mrs. Estes to May 1, 1882,	30 00
W. M. Bass, M. D., medical attendance, almshouse,	4 00
City of Somerville, support of William Crangle,	9 90
Jordan Marsh & Co., goods to almshouse &c.,	10 20
J. L. Lawrence, carting wood,	6 00
R. Harris, board Salome Snow, 11 weeks,	11 00
Danvers Hospital, board of Chas. F. Freeman, 90 days,	41 79
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board of Jas. Crangle to March 31, 1882,	22 50
City of Boston, aid to Mrs. G. L. Woodward,	16 24
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of J. L. Rogers,	12 07
.. .. " M. D. Keith,	41 79
.. .. " C. W. Hamblin,	52 18
D. B. Haskell, stone, labor and material, almshouse.	50 00
Wm. Swift, rent of H. P. Lovell,	12 00
.. .. " Mrs. Eaton,	6 50
A. F. Swift, goods to Mrs. Estes, May 1, 1882,	17 00
Estate C. B. Hall, house rent, J. Pike, Mar. 1882,	4 00
S. H. Redding, carpentering, almshouse,	2 50
Jas. H. Welsh, house rent, J. Beck,	13 00
Foster Willis, goods to I. Robbins, May 20, 1882,	5 00
J. E. Pratt, M. D., medical attendance on J. Whitly,	1 00

J. E. Pratt, M. D., medical attendance on Belle Packard,	1 00
"          "          "          R. Hilliard,	7 25
"          "          "          C. Dixon,	26 10
J. M. Chadwick, wood to Mrs. Neiter,	2 50
W. M. Bass, M. D., medical attendance, almshouse,	1 00
"          "          "          Rock's family,	12 50
C. M. & F. Clark, goods to almshouse,	147 89
"          "          S. Chase,	14 92
"          "          R. Hilliard,	7 25
"          "          M. Gilman,	31 50
"          "          Spinney,	12 00
J. C. Lawrence, Wood and carting, June 24, 1882,	23 25
Joshua Hall, burial of D. Fuller,	5 00
W. R. Gibbs, goods to Ann Hayden, to Jan. 24, 1882,	25 00
Bishop & Bros, ladders for almshouse,	8 34
Jane S. Gibbs, board of C. Turner, 14 weeks, to July 27, 1882,	12 00
Mrs. J. B. H. Rogers, board of F. Lovell, to July 12,	" 12 00
"          "          rent for Mrs. Shuster, " 12,	" 12 00
Foster Willis, goods to I. Robbins, June 19,	" 6 81
W. F. Lapham, " Mrs. T. Donnelly, to July 22,	" 20 00
"          "          M. Woods, to June 14,	" 8 00
"          "          J. C. Adams, to July 22,	" 8 00
Franklin Crocker, 16 bbls. flour, almshouse,	112 50
F. M. & G. L. Tinkham, goods to P. Brailey, to Aug. 4, '82,	6 00
"          "          J. Spinney, to June 18,	" 4 00
Asa Raymond, goods to T. A. Adams, to Oct. 9,	" 15 50
"          "          Mrs. E. Raymond, "	" 31 00
Mrs. J. B. H. Rogers, board F. Lovell, to Oct. 11,	" 13 00
"          "          rent A. Shuster, Oct. 10,	" 13 00
E. Hancock, services, to July 1, 1882,	75 00
T. B. Gurney, board of A. N. Fox, to Sept. 8, 1882,	28 50
Seth B. Jones, 6 cords wood and cartage,	31 25
R. Harris, board of Salome Snow, to Sept. 4, 1882,	12 00
J. F. Nickerson & Co., 3 bags potatoes, almshouse,	7 30
A. G. Battles, board of Effie Hoxie, to Sept. 7, 1882,	10 00
Taunton L. Hospital, board of J. L. Rogers, to July 1, '82,	44 80
"          "          "          M. D. Keith, " "	49 15
"          "          "          C. W. Hamblin, " "	49 10



James A. Brailey, teaming &c., almshouse,	34 41
Commonwealth of Mass., board of J. S. Weir, to June 22, '82,	19 50
“ “ “ Jas. Crangle, “ 30, “	22 75
G. Howland, lumber to almshouse,	18 21
W. M. Bass, M. D., med'l attendance on Rocks, July 15, '82,	2 00
“ “ almshouse, Aug. 6, “	1 00
J. McCann, goods, to S. Chase, to Sept. 12, 1882,	35 00
D. D. Nye, cash paid for vegetables for almshouse,	29 20,
J. L. Lawrence, wood and carting, Sept. 4, 1882,	20 50
E. Hancock, services to Oct. 1, “	75 00
Danvers L. Hospital, board of C. F. Freeman, to June 30, '82,	42 31
S. S. Chipman, labor, on town farm.	41 85
F. H. Burgess, coffin, robe, funeral attendance on J. Whitley,	14 75
“ “ “ “ “ J. Hathaway,	14 75
“ “ “ H. Brailey,	11 75
A. F. Swift, goods to B. Bennett, to Nov. 5, 1882,	22 00
A. G. Battles, board of Effie Hoxie, “ 22, “	11 00
Taunton L. Hospital, board of J. L. Rogers, to Oct. 1, 1882,	45 31
“ “ “ M. D. Keith, to Sept. 4, “	31 72
“ “ “ C. W. Hamblin, to Oct. 1, “	61 64
A. F. Swift, goods to Mrs. Estes, to Oct. 30, “	26 00
“ “ Mrs. A. Packard, Oct. 17, “	61 50
R. Harris, board of Salome Snow, to Nov. 20, “	11 00
M. Coffee, teaming for town, Nov. 15. “	7 25
Danvers L. Hospital, board, C. F. Freeman, to Sept. 30, “	42 91
Boston Store, dry goods to almshouse,	42 63
S. O. Ellis, bill for labor and digging grave, 1881-2,	19 25
W. F. Lapham, goods to almshouse,	34 45
“ “ J. C. Adams, to Oct., 28, 1882,	14 00
“ “ M. Woods, to Aug. 24, “	8 00
“ “ Mrs. T. Donnelly, Oct. 30, “	12 00
“ “ Fire Wards,	7 80
J. McCann, goods to S. Chase, to Dec. 5, 1882.	21 00
Jas. G. Bennett carting wood to paupers,	3 00
W. R. Gibbs, goods to C. Rocks, to Dec. 30, 1882,	25 00
“ “ Ann Hayden “ “	26 00
Micah Tinkham, 30 cords wood,	112 20
“ carting hay,	1 00

C. E. Moody & Co., 5 bbls. flour, tea &c.,	53	50.
C. M. & F. Clark, goods to M. Gilman, to Dec. 29, 1822,	69	75
“ “ R. Hilliard, to Jan. 1, 1883,	33	82
“ “ almshouse to Dec. 14, 1882,	38	54
Morse, Pierce & Co., “ S. Chase, to July 1, “	19	00
“ “ R. Hilliard, to July 3, “	2	30
“ “ M. Woods, to July 1, “	2	00
“ “ Mrs. P. Neiter, to Dec “	78	00
“ “ J. Spinney, to July 1, “	4	60
“ “ P. J. O'Neil, to Dec. 30, “	61	00
“ “ Mrs. P. Brady, Dec. 30, “	13	20
“ “ Almshouse, to Dec. 29, “	158	74
H. G. O. Ellis, cash paid for freight and cartage,	8	72
“ “ H. Lovell, for collar,	3	00
“ “ Heman Dillingham, hat	1	25
“ “ beef, salt &c.,	10	45
“ “ Hancock to Gardner, twice,	26	55
“ “ “ Danvers,	8	65
“ “ “ Middleboro,	2	15
“ “ Susan Murphy,	20	00
“ “ M. Gilman, washing &c.,	4	00
“ “ board Effie Hoxie to Dec. 6, 1882,	13	00
H. G. O. Ellis, for goods delivered outside almshouse, as follows :		
Isaac Robbins,	2	40
Ann Robbins,	2	00
Lewis Phinney,	2	40
M. Sheehan,	3	75
Frank Lovell,	11	00
J. Spinney,	3	00
M. & H. C. Nye,	5	50
Delivered to almshouse, voucher 135,	139	38
Isaac Small, goods delivered to Ann Robbins,	24	82
“ clothing &c., “ “ per order		
of Town of Brewster,	27	86
Asa Raymond, goods to Jane Wright,	3	17
“ “ Mrs. E. Raymond,	8	00
“ “ Thomas Adams,	6	00
Wm. Swift, for house rent, Mrs. Eaton, to Jan. 3, 1883,	15	50

Wm. Swift, for house rent, H. P. Lovell, to Jan. 2, 1883,	31 00
E. Hancock, services to Jan. 1, 1883,	75 00
D. D. Nye, services as Overseer of Poor,	75 00
Chas. Dillingham, services as Overseer of Poor,	100 00
George Hartwell, " " "	50 00
D. D. Nye, cash paid out for travelling expenses &c.,	31 15
Total amount of bills paid being	<hr/> 5,552 69

### Report of the Overseers' of the Poor.

The expenditures for the poor for the year ending December 31st 1882, are as follows:

Supplies for almshouse,	1,584 00
Salary of Superintendent,	300 00
Outside aid to persons having settlement in this town,	1,490 07
Aid in other cities and towns to persons having settlement in this town,	562 87
Aid to persons having settlement in other cities and towns, residing in this town,	751 28
Amount paid for board and clothing of insane at Danvers and Taunton Lunatic Hospitals,	534 27
Board of James Crangle at State Work House,	68 25
Miscellaneous expenses, including services of Overseers,	261 95
	<hr/> 5,552 69

### *What has been Supplied at Almshouse.*

Labor, material and repairs,	167 52
Flour, provisions, groceries and grain,	812 83
Dry goods and clothing,	158 60
Fuel—for amount of same on hand (see inventory of stock),	194 43
Medical attendance and medicines,	26 41
Burial expenses,	106 40
Furniture,	40 50

Miscellaneous expenses	77 31
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Salary of Superintendent for the year,	1,584 00
	300 00
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Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1881,	1,884 00
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	2,863 77

***Credit By Stock On Hand, Dec. 31, 1882.***

3 Cows,	90 00
Wagon and cart,	40 00
Harnesses,	7 00
Farming Tools and ladders.,	30 00
30 Hens,	15 00
15 Tons Hay, at \$23.,	345 00
Grain,	9 60
26 Cords Wood,	100 00
10   "       "	50 00
10 gals. Molasses,	6 00
1 bbl. Beef,	15 00
3 bbls. Pork,	66 00
40 bush. Potatoes, beets and turnips,	45 00
Fresh Meat,	7 50
5 tons Coal,	32 50
50 lbs. Codfish,	2 40
Sugar,	2 00
113 lbs. Butter,	32 00
100 lbs. Lard,	15 00
200 lbs. Soap,	13 00
5 bbls. Flour,	38 50
50 lbs. Dried Apples,	5 00
75 lbs. Saleratus,	4 00
15 lbs Tea and 6 lbs. Coffee,	7 00
Other Groceries,	3 00
65 yards Dry Goods,	6 25



***Other Credits.***

Cash from M. Tinkham for cow, by exchange,	5 00	
" E. Hancock, balance for cow,	5 00	
" S. S. Chipman, for pigs,	4 00	
" R. D. Farris, for apples	8 00	
" Steer sold,	18 00	
" D. A. Sanborn, for hay,	74 90	
" J. A. Brailey, pasture and hay,	6 00	
" Geo. H. Dennis, for board of mother,	51 25	
" Cash sale at almshouse,	11 00	1,169 90
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		1,693 87

Average number of inmates at almshouse during the year, 19;  
average cost per week, 1.87.

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***Persons Supported at Almshouse during the Year.***

Joseph Marsh,	Wm. H. Daniels,
John McDermott,	Lavinia Barlow,
Heman Dillingham,	Effie Norris,
Geo. Weeks,	Almeda Pierce,
Freeman G. Swift,	Mary Dennis,
Catherine O'Leary,	Mary J. Jackson,
Asenath Meiggs,	Sarah Collins,
Sarah Nightingale,	Sarah G. Basset,
Mary McCarthy,	James H. Hathaway,
Julia McHugh,	David Fuller,
Susan Gibbs,	Wm. C. Lovell,
Calvin Fish,	Martha D. Keith,
Lydia Maxim,	Henry C. Nye,
	Moses Nye.

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***Persons Aided Outside Almshouse, having a Settlement in This Town.***

Mrs. Emeline Benson,	16 02
" Betsy Bennett,	48 00

“ A. G. Packard,	155 00
Hattie Bennett,	48 58
Effie Hoxie,	34 00
W. C. Lovell,	6 57
James Westgate,	37 50
J. C. Adams,	26 00
Mrs. Terence Donnelly,	91 25
“ Frederick Eaton,	35 00
James Beck,	28 00
Michael Woods,	34 00
Moses & Henry C. Nye,	8 75
Mary Wing,	12 50
James Spinney,	27 00
Jane Wright,	6 67
Thomas Adams,	37 00
Mrs. E. Raymond,	70 00
Chrissey Turner,	48 00
Abigail N. Fox,	52 50
Levi Hamblin,	8 00
Mrs. Wm. Estes,	73 00
P. J. O'Neil,	89 85
Simeon Chase,	144 43
Daniel Kennedy,	10 00
Frank Lovell,	62 00
Chas. Rocks,	39 50
Ann Hayden,	67 00
Rodman Hilliard,	50 62
Mrs. P. Neiter,	97 88
Mrs. Phillip Brady,	21 70
Maurice Sheehan,	3 75
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	1,490 07

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***Persons Aided in Other Towns, having Settlement  
in This Town.***

Mrs. Hinckley, Ipswich,	5 00
“ J. W. Perry, Brewster,	70 59

Sarah G. Bassett, Middleboro',	8 14
Hattie M. Dundas, Chelsea,	20 00
Mrs. Wm. Breese,       “	28 50
“ G. L. Woodward, Boston,	16 24
Charles Woodward, Brockton,	20 35
Cynthia Weston and child, Cambridge,	136 00
Caroline Burgess and family, Marion,	78 65
Mrs. George W. Derby, Lynn,	30 00
Jas. H. Hathaway, Gardner,	134 50
Rebecca Clark, Harwich,	5 00
Wm. Crange, Somerville,	9 90
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***Persons Aided, having Settlement in Other Cities  
and Towns, which Aid will be Refunded.***

Henry Brailey, Acushnet,	91 25
Aun Robbins and child, Brewster,	109 53
Isaac Robbins,               “	42 25
D. C. Besse, Wareham,	25 00
Salome Snow, Harwich,	59 00
Mrs. A. Shuster,       “	51 00
H. P. Lovell, Middleboro',	75 50
Charles Dixon, Barnstable,	42 85
Preserved Brailey, Freetown,	21 00
Marcia Gilman, Medford,	178 50
O. H. Raymond, Plymouth,	23 00
Susan Murphy, Boston,	26 00
John Pike, State Pauper,	4 00
Lewis Phinney, Barnstable,	2 40
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***Persons Aided in State Institutions.***

James Crangle, at State Workhouse,	68 25
J. D. Weir, at Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	19 50
Chas. F. Freeman,       “               “	127 01

*Joseph L. Rogers, Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	102 18
Martha D. Keith, " "	122 66
Chas. W. Hamblin, " "	162 92
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	602 52
*Refunded by Mrs. J. L. Rogers.	

### *Summary.*

Total Amount Expended,		5,552 69
<i>Cr.</i>		
By Appropriation,	4,000 00	
" Amounts due from Cities and Towns for		
Aid to Paupers, 1882,	751 28	
" Sales from Almshouse,	124 90	
" Geo. H. Dennis, Board of Mother,	51 25	
" Mrs. J. L. Rogers, " J. L. Rogers,	102 18	5,029 61
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Showing an excess over appropriation and receipts of,		523 08

The actual cost to the Town for the support of its own Poor at home and in other Town's being \$4,523.08, an excess of \$523.08 over the appropriation for the year, which was of smaller amount than has been allotted for that purpose for some years, being \$500 less than the appropriation for 1881; and the Overseers would recommend that it be increased by at least \$500 for the coming year. In comparing with former years it should also be considered, that the cost of all the necessaries of life, is much higher than for several preceding years, and had the appropriation been of same amount as usual, the expenditures would not have exceeded it. We now have but two patients in the Hospitals at the Town expense, viz: Chas. W. Hamblin at Taunton and Chas. F. Freeman at Danvers. The bill for the last quarter for support of the latter, by advice of Counsel, we have refused to pay, and feel confident the Town will soon be free of expense on his account, either by the State reimbursing the amount already paid and assuming further expenses, or by his discharge from the Hospital, as a bill is now pending before the Legislature for this purpose, and his friends are exerting themselves towards effecting the latter. Martha D. Keith has also been removed to our Almshouse.



We have lost by death at the Almshouse, during the year, the following persons: W. C. Lovell, David Fuller, Kate Ellis, James M. Whitley, James E. Hathaway and Calvin Fish. The total number of inmates now being 20, for one of whom the Town is reimbursed.

DAVID D NYE,	} Overseers
CHAS. DILLINGHAM,	
GEO. HARTWELL.	
	} of the
	} Poor.

Jonathan Bourne, Esq., of New Bedford, a native of this Town has again very generously, at his expense, given the inmates of the Almshouse a Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner, and the thanks of the Citizens and Overseers has been extended to him by the Chairman of the Board.



### Payment of State Aid to Jan. 1883.

Elizabeth Chipman,	48 00
Mary A. Ellis,	48 00
Eliza A. Ellis,	48 00
Perez Eldridge,	48 00
John M. Perry,	72 00
Sarah S. Swift,	48 00
Phebe L. Wood,	48 00
Margaret McKowen,	48 00
Francis C. Swift,	72 00
Bertha Holway,	48 00
Rosannah Dalton,	48 00
William W. Bourne,	36 00
Daniel W. Tribou,	72 00
Nathan C. Perry,	36 00
Anna R. Fancy,	48 00
Mary C. Wilson,	28 00
Seth C. Vickery,	3 00
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	799 00

*Paid Indigent Soldiers.*

Francis Woods,	72 00
James E. Hathaway,	96 00
Jesse F. Allen,	60 00
Joseph A. Baker,	76 00
Charles H. Hoxie,	74 00
Wilder Booth,	6 00
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	384 00

*Report of the Assessors, Jan. 1, 1883.*

Number of Polls,	840
Increase from last year,	15
Total Tax on Polls,	\$1,680 00
Total Valuation of Real Estate,	1,140,625 00
Increase over last year,	79,925 00
Total Valuation of Personal Property,	400,250 00
Increase over last year,	20,400 00
Total Valuation of Real and Personal Property,	1,540,875 00
Increase over last year,	100,325 00
Rate of Taxation on One Thousand,	11 60
Total Tax for Town, County and State,	19 554 15
Increase over last year,	41 33
Number of Dwelling Houses,	841
Increase from last year,	7
Number of Horses Taxed,	383
Increase from last year,	6
Number of Cows Taxed,	483
Increase from last year,	5

*The Assessment for the Year 1882 being as follows*

For State Tax,	1,620 00
“ County Tax,	1,469 68

*Town Appropriations.*

For Schools,	8,000 00
“ Paupers,	4,000 00
“ Roads,	4,000 00
“ Overlayings,	464 57
“ Additional Taxes,	31 32
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	19,585 57

GEORGE HARTWELL, }  
 CHAS. DILLINGHAM, } Assessors.  
 DAVID D. NYE, }

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*Collectors' Accounts.*

Levi S. Savery, Collector Taxes, 1881,	Dr.	
To Balance due Jan. 1, 1882,	12,857 47	
	Cr.	
By Cash paid Treasurer, during 1882,	9,978 79	2,878 68

Nathan Nye, Collector Taxes, 1882,	Dr.	
To Taxes of '82, committed him for collection,	19,554 15	
“ Additional Assessment of Polls and		
Real Estate,	31 32	
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	19,585 47	
	Cr.	
By Cash paid Treasurer during 1882,	9,955 20	9,630 27

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Total Taxes of 1881-2 remaining uncollected Jan. 1, 1883, 12,508 95

The Selectmen recommend an entire change in the manner of auditing and paying all claims against the Town. For many years past it has been the practice of the Collectors to pay bills, in some instances without approval by the Selectmen, and return them to the Treasurer as cash. Mistakes have occurred which have been difficult to rectify, particularly in the Road bills, the Surveyors collecting in one sum the amount expended in their District's, and either forgetting to pay the persons to whom it was due, or they forgetting it had been received. Bills have been presented twice and paid.

The Treasurer should pay all bills, upon orders from the Selectmen, who should be in session twice each month, (We would suggest the second and last Saturdays), for the purpose of examining and approving claims. Their Clerk should keep a Record of all bills which are approved, and upon which orders have been drawn, the bills kept on file and arranged in their proper order. Bills are now frequently charged to the wrong account, the Treasurer not knowing to which class they properly belong, often causing much trouble in changing them from one account to another. This method is the only correct one and is practiced by most towns. Your Selectmen of course can adopt this or any method which may seem to them best, but before the change was made we thought it advisable to bring the subject before the Town in this report, to be acted upon at the annual meeting.

CHAS. DILLINGHAM, )  
 DAVID D. NYE, )  
 GEORGE HARTWELL, )



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
OF  
SCHOOLS,  
ALSO  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**For the Year 1882-3.**

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDENT.



In accordance with the law I submit the following Report.

At the Annual Town Meeting in March last, the following persons were elected members of the School Committee, viz: C. Dillingham, Aaron L. Burgess, David Hoxie, Geo. I. Briggs, Edmund H. Burgess. Fifteen members compose the full board, five being elected each year. The retiring members the present year are Joshua H. Baker, John H. Stevens, Levi S. Savery, Robert Armstrong, Chas. H. Burgess, 2d. The Committee was organized by the choice of J. H. Stevens, Chairman, Chas. Dillingham, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools. Stevens, Burgess and Dillingham were chosen Committee of the High School and text books.

A statement in detail of receipts and expenditures will be found in the concluding pages. Considerable expense has been incurred for tuition and transportation of scholars who attended the High School in Wareham; but some saving has been made in that direction, by arranging the classes in our High School so that scholars can come on the down train and attend here. The matter that

has, for some years, been a bone of contention in our annual town meetings—the Farmersville and Wakeby Schools—was finally settled at the last annual meeting by voting to move the school house located between the above named places, to Farmersville, and to build a new one at Wakeby. We have suffered the past year, as in former years, from some of our best teachers being called away by having larger salaries offered in other places; but for the most part our teachers have been faithful and earnest in their work, and good progress has been made, and with more experience, still better results will follow.

In the High School the plan suggested in the last annual report has been carried out, and an English course of three years was established with the beginning of the year. Thus scholars can take a regular classical course of four years, and fit themselves for higher institutions, or an English course of three years and become fitted for the ordinary practical business and duties of active life. In years past many scholars have “dropped out,” after one, two or three years in the High School, on the ground that they were spending their time on Latin and other things that would not be of the slightest practical value in after years, and they wished to learn a trade, or in some way enter on the duties of active life, and this point, to a certain extent, was well taken. We hope that the above named arrangement will lead many, who would otherwise leave school without completing the course, to remain and graduate in the English course.

While we would not discourage any one from acquiring a liberal education, when time and circumstances permit; still we believe that the foundation stone should be a thorough practical English education. We do not believe in scholars rushing into Latin and Greek while unable to write and spell intelligibly a letter in good English, or reckon simple interest. Our Schools should be so arranged that scholars shall receive, first a thoroughly practical and useful education, after that, all classic lore and ornamental branches that time and circumstances will admit. It may be a new departure from the old beaten tracks, but we will venture to express the opinion that less “dead languages” and more “living (modern) languages” would be an improvement. With a knowledge of French and German, and perhaps Spanish—with the English course—a

person could visit almost any civilized country and find people to communicate with. Without such knowledge his chances of making known his wants or of conversation would be greatly diminished, although he might have the Greek lexicon at his tongue's end. And, again, in these days when our shores are swarming with foreigners, a knowledge of their languages would be of great assistance in dealing with them. Why should not the study of these languages be considered a part of a practical education, and not as entirely ornamental?

In view of frequent changes of teachers, the plan suggested last year has been acted on, and teachers are given to understand that if they leave without due notice they forfeit pay for the part of term then due.

Parents should visit Schools often and show teachers and scholars that they feel interested in their welfare and progress.

JOHN H. STEVENS, Chairman.



## Financial Statement.

To Amount Expended for Schools, Current Expenses and New House,	10,247 36
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### CREDIT.

By Town Appropriation,	8,000 00	
“ Massachusetts School Fund,	217 43	
“ Dog Fund, 1881-2,	421 30	
“ Town of Plymouth,	44 00	
“ Stone sold,	4 00	
“ Tuition in High School,	40 00	
“ Amount hired for New House as per vote of town,	850 00	
“ Amount received for School Books sold,	274 38	9,851 11
Deficiency		396 25



*High School.*

Benj. Cook, teacher,	605 00
Chas. J. Tucker, teacher,	406 43
Carrie M. Bassett, assistant,	288 00
Mary A. Tucker,       “	140 00
Fuel,	49 37
Care,	38 00
Sundries, paper, printing &c.,	26 47
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	1,553 27

*School Street.*

CHAS. DILLINGHAM, Local Committee.

H. F. Sylvester, teacher,	374 35
F. E. Loud,               “	117 00
R. R. Newcomb,       “	254 75
Emma L. Zeigler,       “	101 90
L. E. Foster,           “	162 50
Fuel and preparing, two years bills,	108 76
Care,	43 50
Repairs,	100 31
Sundries,	2 59
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	1,265 66

*West Primary.*

JOHN H. STEVENS, Local Committee.

Clara H. Sears, teacher,	256 00
Fuel and preparing,	24 00
Care and cleaning,	23 50
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	303 50

*West Sandwich.*

LEVI S. SAVERY, Local Committee.

C. B. Perry. teacher,	235 55
L. L. Savery,       “	200 00
Fuel and preparing,	28 00

Care and cleaning,	22 00
Repairs,	5 75
Sundries,	1 45
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	492 75

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### *North Sandwich.*

CHAS. H. BURGESS, 2d, Local Committee.

R. E. Harmon, teacher,	121 00
Mary E. Hitton, "	114 00
A. W. Wonson, "	80 00
Fuel and preparing,	30 23
Care,	24 00
Repairs,	95 85
Paper,	3 65
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	468 73

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### *Monument.*

GEO. I. BRIGGS, Local Committee.

Geo. B. Noble, teacher,	320 00
S. A. Haywood, "	96 00
Ellen H. Wild, "	88 00
R. E. Harmon, "	50 00
E. F. Harlow, "	80 00
Repairs,	52 53
Fuel, (bill not rendered in full),	2 37
Care and cleaning,	36 75
Sundries,	6 58
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	732 23

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### *Buzzards Bay.*

JOSHUA H. BAKER, Local Committee.

Annie A. Gibbs, teacher,	256 20
Fuel and preparing,	13 50
Care and cleaning,	24 00

Sundries,	8 05
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	301 75

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***Head of the Bay.***

STILLMAN S. RYDER, Local Committee.

Ella F. Ellis, teacher,	170 00
Laura S. Delano, teacher,	75 00
Fuel and preparing,	18 00
Care and cleaning,	13 00
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	276 00

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***South Monument.***

ABRAM PHINNEY, Local Committee.

S. B. Perry, teacher,	176 00
Dora Newcomb, teacher,	56 00
Fuel,	8 20
Repairs,	9 95
Care and cleaning,	20 75
Sundries,	12 35
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	283 25

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***South Pocasset.***

AARON L. BURGESS, Local Committee.

T. W. Jenkins, teacher,	256 00
Repairs,	8 53
Fuel and preparing,	15 00
Care and cleaning,	19 25
Sundries,	4 74
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	303 52

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***Pocasset, Furnace.***

EDWARD H. BURGESS, Local Committee.

Lucy E. Coyr, teacher,	108 00
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Henrietta Hatch, teacher,	100 00
L. P. Whidden,     “	70 00
A. C. Whitney,     “	32 50
Mr. Dimpsey,       “	10 00
Fuel,	17 68
Care and cleaning,	22 50
Repairs and sundries,	4 60
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	365 28

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***Greenville.***

DAVID HOXIE, Local Committee.

Mary E. Morse, teacher,	96 00
M. S. Percival,     “	96 00
Fuel and preparing,	28 50
Care and cleaning,	18 95
Sundries and repairs,	3 12
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	242 67

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***Farmersville.***

Local Committee, (Vacant.)

Nellie F. Wood, teacher,	180 00
Care and cleaning,	19 00
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HENRY L. GOODSPEED, Local Committee.

Nellie F. Wood, teacher,	30 60
Fuel and Preparing,	11 25
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***Wakeby and Farmersville--New House.***  
***Wakeby.***

J. H. West's Bill,	1,026 25
“     “     “ freight and extra labor on desks,	4 60



H. W. Goodspeed, grading lot, setting posts for fence &c.,	45 76
Laban P. Crocker, fencing lots,	25 02
D. D. Nye, posts and carting,	11 75
Wire purchased by D. D. Nye, not used and on hand,	16 74
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	1,130 12

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*Jarresville.*

SARAH. T. McLAUGHLIN, Local Committee.

Sarah T. McLaughlin, teacher,	262 50
Sarah M. Wood, “	212 00
Fuel,	20 25
Care and cleaning,	48 50
Sundries and repairs,	6 00
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	549 25

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*Scorton.*

ROBERT ARMSTRONG, Local Committee.

Susie Thacher, teacher,	186 00
L. W. Nickerson, “	60 00
Fuel and preparing,	21 08
Care,	16 00
Sundries,	1 95
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	285 03

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*Spring Hill.*

W. C. CHIPMAN, Local Committee.

Susie F. Colby, teacher,	176 00
Susie Fessenden, “	60 00
Fuel and preparing,	20 00
Care,	15 00
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	271 00

*Miscellaneous.*

Boston School Supply, 18.00; blackboards, 2.50,	20 50
Salary of Superintendent,	350 00
F. H. Burgess, printing reports,	42 43
“ “ other printing,	3 50
Books for reference,	3 00
H. H. Gray, transportation of children to school,	95 25
Town of Wareham, tuition High School,	112 00
Clocks,	4 75
J. L. Hammett, maps, globes &c.,	18 75
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplementary reading,	7 50
Chas. H. Burgess, 2d, services,	8 75
J. H. Stevens, services,	25 80
Tickets for Geo. H. Eldridge, A. W. Bourne, to High School,	12 27
Ward & Gay, paper,	2 50
Sundry Bills, paid for repairs, express, Ins., by the Treasurer,	24 48
C. Dillingham, three trips to Boston for teachers, postage, stationery and express,	18 50
Geo. N. Chipman's bill for books to poor, teachers desks and paper,	27 77
Sundries, supplementary reading, practice paper, brooms, pails, two axes &c.,	39 63
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*Book Account.*

Books on hand last year,	202 60
Purchased of Wm. Ware & Co.,	238 00
“ Harper Brothers,	119 63
“ Lee & Shepard,	8 19
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By cash of Geo. N. Chipman, books sold,	214	82
“ Asa Raymond, “ “	36	00
“ A. F. Swift, “ “	23	56
By books purchased in 1881 and included above as purchased in 1882-	164	40
“ books on hand Jan, 1, 1883,	129	64
	<u>568</u>	<u>42</u>

*Recapitulation.*

Amount paid teachers,	6,758	68
“ Fuel,	416	19
“ Care and cleaning,	424	70
“ Repairs,	266	64
“ Paper, printing &c., high school,	26	47
“ Sundries furnished the several schools,	41	36
“ Paid for school books,	365	82
“ Miscellaneous supplies,	817	38
“ New House, Wakeby, and moving the Farmersville house and fencing lots,	1,130	12
	<u>10,247</u>	<u>36</u>

The cost of maintaining the Schools the required length of time is in excess of the two or three previous years, and there is a deficiency of nearly four hundred dollars, over and above the appropriations, which is due to several causes, viz: The advance in teachers salaries, and in the price of fuel; but principally to the deficiency in the appropriation for building the new house and moving the other at South Sandwich.

It was my intention to have reviewed somewhat, at length, the work in the several Schools, during the past nine years; but circumstances have prevented, and perhaps it is as well. If any progress has been made it must be apparent to all who take any interest in the welfare of the Schools. In this connection I shall mention only one fact.

At the examination for admission to the High School, nine years since, but *two* in a class of eighteen, were found to have even a respectable knowledge of common fractions; consequently none were admitted. This year there was a class of thirty-six, and after the most thorough and critical examination that has ever been held, covering the whole of Arithmetic to evolution, the whole of U. S. History and Geography, *twenty-four* were found to be qualified; representing all sections of the town.

The recommendations made last year, in relation to an additional course of study and some other changes of a practical character have been adopted. We have now an English course of three years and a Classical course of four years. The two work together harmoniously and will, I think, be of advantage to the school, as it will give a larger number an opportunity to graduate, and will therefore be an incentive to scholars to remain longer.

A class of nine graduated the present year. The exercises were of unusual interest, the town hall being filled to its utmost capacity with parents and friends. The examinations exhibited the same thoroughness in teaching that has characterized the School for many years. The graduating class was as follows: Rosa Sears



Rosa Sears Nye,	Ann Elizabeth Jennings,
Katie Louise Dennis,	Frank Homer Foster.
James Dillaway Lloyd,	Lombard Carter Jones,
Harrie Marstin Bicknell,	Frank Stowell Whittemore,
Frank Otis Ellis.	

The present outlook of the school is encouraging and we confidently anticipate a period of usefulness equal to any in the past. It is the duty of those who may have the care of the school, in the future, to see that in no direction it be allowed to lose the confidence of the people, but rather that its usefulness and influence for good, should advance with its years.

In the words of the founders of the institution we dedicated one year since, which the school now occupies, "The education of the rising generation in the rudiments of the useful arts and sciences, the principles of religion and precepts of morality were esteemed by the Fathers of New England and has ever been esteemed by the wise and good, a primary object, as being the best security of public morals, of a free and salutary government, and of public and individual happiness."

There are several subjects in connection with the present School accommodations which require immediate attention. I would not in any manner, encroach upon the duties or the judgement of my successor, but, knowing what is required, it may not be out of place for me to offer a few suggestions. The house at Jarvesville or "Sand Hill," as it is sometimes called, which, by the way, is a very appropriate name, is unfit longer to be used as a School room. The location is very unsuitable and the building itself very much out of repair. I recommend that it be sold and a new house erected on a new lot the coming season; also that \$3000 be appropriated for this purpose at the annual meeting.

Something must also be done to relieve the pressure in the Primary room on School Street. This School has so increased in

numbers that the present room is altogether inadequate. The register shows the names of seventy-eight pupils belonging to the school the present year. Altogether too many for one teacher to attempt to teach. Another room should be added to the present building and the School divided. It is recommended that \$1000 be appropriated for this purpose.

There are also some minor repairs which should receive attention during the Summer vacation. The house at Scorton requires painting the coming season, and the Grammar School room at West Sandwich should have a new hard pine floor, some new furniture and the interior painted.

Believing that circumstances now render it expedient for me so to do, I decline to have my name used as a candidate for re-election. The position will, without doubt, fall to abler hands, but cannot to one who feels a deeper interest in the welfare of the schools. It has been my desire to make myself acquainted with the improved methods of instruction and introduce them whenever and wherever our limited means would allow. Mistakes have been made but they have been errors of judgment and not of intention. If I have sometimes been too conservative, it was because I believed it wiser to pursue the old paths until we were quite sure the new were better. I bespeak for my successor the same kindness and forbearance that has so long been extended to me.

Very Respectfully,

CHARLES DILLINGHAM.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

	Number enrolled.	Average number belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of attendance.	Number over 15 years of age.	Number between 8 & 14 years of age.	Number under 5 years of age.
High School,	41	41	39.5	96	27	2	00
School Street Grammar,	43	42.5	40.5	95	10	33	00
School Street Intermediate,	35	33	31	93	00	35	00
School Street Sub Primary,	78	53.5	47	87	00	3	00
West Primary,	33	27	25	90	00	29	00
West Sandwich Grammar,	25	18	16.5	90	8	14	00
West Sandwich Primary,	25	20	18	90	00	16	00
North Sandwich,	23	19	15	82	00	20	00
Bay,	24	16	15	93	4	8	1
Monument Grammar,	26	27	25	91	1	15	00
Monument Primary,	25	22	20	92	00	24	1
South Monument,	11	10.5	9.5	92	00	6	00
Pocasset,	37	29	27	90	4	24	00
South Pocasset,	28	24	21.5	90	3	25	00
Greenville,	18	13	12.5	93	00	9	1
South Sandwich,	24	15	14	93.5	2	17	00
Spring Hill,	24	22.5	21	92	00	17	00
Scorton,	22	20	16	81	5	12	00
Jarvesville Intermediate,	46	38.5	37	96	1	45	00
Jarvesville Primary,	61	48	40.5	90	00	32	2
Buzzards Bay,	33	23	20.5	90	2	12	00
	682	562.5	507.5	90	67	398	5

The whole number of children between the ages of five and fifteen on the first day of May 1882 was 639. There have been connected with the schools during the year 682. The percentage of attendance, based upon the average number belonging, has been 88.5.

The following table shows the average cost per scholar for the year, also the average cost in each of the several schools.

	No. Scholars.	Whole Cost.	Average.
General average,	682	9,117.24	13.36
High School,	41	1,553.27	37.88
School Street,	189	1,569.18	8.30
West Sandwich,	50	492.75	9.85
North Sandwich,	23	468.73	20.39
Bay,	24	271.00	11.50
Monument,	59	732.23	12.41
Monument Beach,	11	283.25	25.75
Pocasset,	37	365.28	9.87
South Pocasset,	28	303.52	10.84
Greenville,	18	242.57	13.47
South Sandwich,	24	337.00	14.04
Spring Hill,	24	271.00	11.25
Scorton,	22	285.03	12.50
Jarvesville,	107	549.25	5.13
Buzzards Bay,	33	301.75	9.14

### *Report of the Principal of the High School.*

In accordance with the request of the Superintendent and Committee, a regular course of study for the High School has been arranged for publication. It will not be an iron rule which we shall feel obliged to follow to the smallest detail. Different classes will probably require different treatment. But there are certain principles which will be common to all classes, and there are advantages to be gained by having a carefully prepared system as a guide. It may be interesting to the public to know some of the ends aimed at in the present arrangement which, of course, embraces much that is by no means new to the school.

That which will probably first strike the attention of reader is the *three years English and Scientific Course*. This method has been established in some of our large cities and at the request of the Superintendent has been adopted here,—in the hope, that, by compressing the whole course into so short a period, more scholars may be enabled to graduate and to get the benefit of the complete curriculum.

The studies have been arranged in such an order, that beginning with the simpler natural sciences, the pupil is led gradually on to the more difficult, one branch leading naturally to another. Book-Keeping and a review of Arithmetic have been placed at the end, that they may be fresh in the mind of the scholar as he goes out into the world. It will be noticed that during the larger part of the time, the three subjects—Mathematics, Natural Science and English, are pursued conjointly, thus giving a variety to the studies of any one period.

It will be noticed also, that two terms are devoted to such subjects, as Arithmetic, English Grammar and exercises (both already pursued in the Grammar School), to Physiology, U. S. Constitution and Book-Keeping, while in consequence, others must have but one, such subjects as Chemistry, Geology and Astronomy have supported the loss. There has been of late years a growing public sen-



timent that more time should be devoted to the more practical studies. Remarks of the nature of the following have been often made. "College students, proficient in Latin and Greek, cannot write an English sentence or do a common example in Arithmetic." There is too much truth in such statements. The public school should conform to the intelligent public demand. To have our course do this, as far as possible, has been our aim. On the other hand, we should be the last to sympathize with that view of education which would be content with a child's knowing how to write and spell his own name, to read the newspaper and to make accurate change at the store. There is more to this life than getting something to eat, drink and wear. That is only the foundation. If we do not, as the months and years pass by, reach higher and higher planes of thought and life, if we do not gain broader views of the world as it is, and of the experience of past ages, and of the wonderful universe in which we find ourselves,—if we do not grow in intellect and character, we fail to the ends of life. It is sometimes said that scholars will read the various higher subjects after they have left school. True, but how much more likely is a person to be wide-awake to receive new discoveries about the heavenly bodies and the infinite regions of space, with the wonderful effect these thoughts have in enlarging the mental vision, are to understand new views of the past ages of the world's history, so intimately connected with most fascinating questions of our origin, or to be stimulated to observe, appreciate and perhaps utilize the marvelous inventions constantly offering,—how much more likely, I say, to be interested in such matters is a person who knows a little about Astronomy, Geography, Physics and Chemistry, than one to whom these names even are mysteries. So our purpose is to embody in our course a little about almost all such subjects, thus making it, in a sense, quite complete. We hope in the limited time we have, to give a few clear ideas of what these sciences treat of, of the terms and method of working used in them, and of some of the more im-

portant facts they teach. To do this will fit the pupils to learn more for themselves by reading in the future. There are some subjects which must be entirely omitted for lack of time.

The great dramatist, the master of human nature has said :

“The man that hath not music in himself,  
And is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,  
“Is fit for treason, strategems and spoils.  
“Let no man trust him.”

I do not know that we should be in danger of all these evils if we should omit music from our course, but at any rate music is a good thing to have in school as well as out. Through the generosity of Mr. George McLaughlin and other public spirited citizens, we are provided with a very good organ, and through the faithful and patient efforts of Miss Sarah McLaughlin we have made some progress in learning how to use it. We have made, it seems to us, great progress, considering that we have had, so far, but eleven lessons. We do not expect to become scientifically accurate musicians all at once, but we hope, in time, to learn something about music and to gain the pleasure, life and good cheer which may be found in turning aside once in a while from work to a good, hearty sing.

We realize that there is a difference between “telling and teaching,” that “success is measured not by what is told to the scholar but by what the scholar himself can tell.” Yet this is not all, for a mere rehearsal of facts, however broadening to the mental vision even, is not the highest end to be sought. To train scholars to think is the most difficult part of the art of teaching, as it is the highest. It requires constant effort and study on the part of the instructor, and then is attained in full measure only after many years of experience. It is our aim to cultivate accuracy of thought by teaching the pupils to carefully analyze the thought to be presented, to obtain clear and definite views of the subject under discussion, and to embody the thought in correct expression. It is also our aim to stimulate original mental activity wherever we see

an opportunity. The success can be but partial for to dwell upon these matters all the time would defeat the end sought, and such excellence requires time for development. We hope with increased experience to accomplish these purposes better and better as the years pass on. As we become more acquainted with the peculiarities of the town and school and obtain a firmer grasp on the relation of things, we find our power increasing, and we feel a growing interest in the welfare of the school as a whole and in each of the scholars individually. We would ask for the good-will and hearty sympathy and co-operation of all the friends of the school in helping us to do well the work given us to do.

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